

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

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~~Compositions and methods for the treatment of ophthalmic disorders, particularly preservation of corneal explants and prevention of corneal allograft rejection. These compositions comprise comprising oligonucleotides which are specifically hybridizable with nucleic acids encoding cellular adhesion molecules intracellular adhesion molecule-1 (ICAM-1), vascular cell adhesion molecule-1 (VCAM-1) and endothelial leukocyte adhesion molecule-1 (ELAM-1) are disclosed. A series of double stranded RNA molecules targeting human ICAM-1 were designed and inhibition of RNA was measured. Oligonucleotides targeted to ICAM were effective in reducing airway hyperresponsiveness in mouse and monkey asthma models.~~